

## Georgia Department of Human Resources

### HIV/AIDS AT A GLANCE

#### The Facts

- Georgia has the eighth highest number of AIDS cases in the United States, as of December 2001. Through the end of June 2002, there were 25,245 cases reported in Georgia. Over half of these people, 13,156 (52.1 percent) have died. Georgia also had the fifth highest rate of AIDS cases per 100,000 population, for cases reported during 2001.
- Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is the virus that causes AIDS. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 8,200 to 15,300 living adults and adolescents in Georgia were aware that they were infected with HIV (but did not have AIDS) in 2001.
- During 2001, 82,031 HIV antibody tests were performed by public health clinics in Georgia, with an overall positivity rate of 2.4 percent.
- The Georgia AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) provides FDA-approved medications to low-income individuals with HIV disease who have limited or no coverage from private insurance or Medicaid. The program provides 50 medications to more than 4,600 eligible individuals. Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Therapy (HAART), which typically includes a combination of three or four medications, costs nearly \$10,000 per year per patient through the Georgia ADAP.

#### The Resources

- In FY 2001, Georgia received more than \$29 million through Title II of the Ryan White CARE Act for primary care and support services (including the AIDS Drug Assistance Program).
- HIV testing and counseling are available at all county health departments and their satellite programs, such as teen clinics and family planning centers, as well as publicly funded community-based organizations, university student health clinics, and various outreach projects.
- Approximately 400 children born to HIV-positive mothers are being monitored by a consortium of health and social services providers throughout Georgia.
- The Prevention Services Branch in DHR's Division of Public Health funds 43 community-based organizations and county health departments to provide AIDS education to people at risk for HIV infection.
- HIV primary care services, support services and prevention services are provided in all 19 public health districts in Georgia.

**For more information** about HIV/AIDS, Georgians can contact the Georgia AIDS Information Line at **1-800-551-2728**. This service is provided by DHR, through a contract with AID Atlanta.